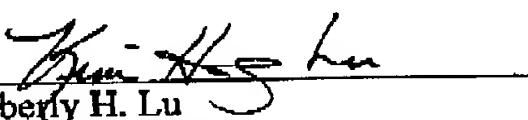


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of March 25, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such

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extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.

Please enter the following Amendments and Remarks in this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.